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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
US Department of Agriculture
14th and Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I am writing in support of Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman's request for a Secretarial Natural Disaster Declaration for producers in Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Cheyenne, Dawson, Garfield, Holt, Johnson, and Kimball counties.

Farmers and ranchers in these counties have sustained losses at or in excess of 30 percent since June 2010. Losses were a result of storms which produced hail, heavy rains, and flooding, as well as high winds and other weather conditions. Your prompt response to the request will ensure qualified producers have access to assistance under the farm program.

I fully support this disaster designation and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mike Johanns
United States Senator

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